(Rs. in Lakhs)

Stales	Cash Assistance Released	Commidity Vehicles Syn	(P rovisional) Phrethroi Bednets
Andhra Pradesh	153.34		800.00
Bihar	95.00		50.00
Gujarat	171.33		1000.00
Madhya Pradesh	233.72		1000.00
Maharashtra	334.73		3000.00
Orissa	246.00		600.00
Rajasthan	110.00		50.00
Total	1344.12		6500.00

In addition, the EMCP funds were also spent for IEC (Rs. 8 Crores approximately) & Training (Rs. 4 Crores approximately) activities in the country.

CBI Investigation against Health Officers

1736. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have launched CBI investigations against any DADG and DDG (Stores) and DDG (TB); and

(b) if so, what is the outcome of the investigations against DADG, Delhi and Bombay and DDG (Stores);

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T SHANMUGAM): (a) Yes, Sir. The CBI has investigated some cases against various DADGs and DDG (Stores) of Medical Stores Organisation. There was also investigation against an officer posted earlier as DDG(TB).

(b) Based on the investigations, disciplinary proceedings for major penalty have been initiated against concerned officials of the Medical Stores Organisation including the present DADG, Mumbai and DDG(Stores), Delhi.

Strategy on Population

1737. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a U.N. estimate, India's population has crossed the hundred crore mark *i.e.* more than three times since independence;

(b) whether there is any proposal under consideration to ban fielding of candidates having more than two children in any election from Panchayat to Parliament, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Prime Minister would like to convene a meeting of leaders of various parties in Parliament to draw a strategy on the subject as a country man over and above party affiliations; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) No, Sir. The population of India is projected to reach the one billion mark on 11th May, 2000.

(b) to (d) The Constitution (Seventy Ninth Amendment) Bill, 1992 was introduced in Rajya Sabha in December, 1992. Under the provisions of the proposed Bill, a person shall be disqualified for being chosen as, and for being a Member of either House of Parliament or the legislative Assembly or, as the case may be, either House of the Legislature of a State, if he/she has more than two children. However, it will not apply to those who already have more than two children or those who beget an additional child within one year of the commencement of the Act.

The Bill has been recommended by the Standing Committee of the Parliament on HRD for consideration and passage, with the recommendation that before moving the Bill for consideration a meeting of political parties may be convened to arrive at a consensus. Accordingly, a meeting of the political parties was held under the chairpersonship of MOS (H&FW) on 14th August, 1997. It was felt that further consultation with political leaders is required to arrive at a consensus on the subject.

Another meeting of leaders of political parties/Groups in the Parliament was held on 13th December, 1999. However, no consensus emerged during the deliberations.

The discussions are continuing to arrive at a consensus among political parties, for passage of the Bill.

Reinstating the Officials of DGHS

1738. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some officials of Medical Stores Organisation of DGHS were suspended in 1999 regarding medical supplies to Tihar Jail, without giving them sufficient chance to present their case;